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REMARKS

*21 July 1949*

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21 July 194925X11. Two fighters with radial engines, one twin-engine commercial  
25X1 plane, and one biplane were parked at the ALT LOENNEWITZ (N 52/  
25X1 F 84) airfield.

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4 August 19492. No aircraft were observed at the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield and  
25X1 there was no flying.  
25X1 were seen on the road leading to the airfield.3. A local resident stated that Col RETKIN had been CO of the jet  
fighter unit previously stationed at the field. When his unit  
was transferred, RETKIN was promoted to general and trans-  
ferred to the MOSCOW Air Force Ministry. About eight hundred  
EM and fifteen aircraft were stationed at the field. All  
accounts concerning the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield had to be for-  
warded to the BRANDIS (N 52/E 41) airfield administration. It  
is assumed that the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield was economically  
subordinate to the BRANDIS airfield.

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Comment:a. The observations made since June 1949 show that the ALT  
LOENNEWITZ airfield is only occupied by a few aircraft. The  
impression is obtained that the field is no longer occupied  
by a fighter regiment but only by individual trainers. No  
reports have been received on the present location of the appa-  
rently transferred fighter regiment.b. The assumption that the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield is econo-  
mically subordinate to the BRANDIS airfield is possibly correct  
since the fighter pilot training units which were previously  
stationed in ALTENBURG are assumed to now be stationed at both  
airfields. The units stationed in ALT LOENNEWITZ and BRANDIS  
are presumably assigned to the same fighter division.

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c. The information that Col RETKIN was CO of the jet fighter unit which was stationed in ABT LOHNBEITZ last year was received for the first time.

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